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# DEATH TOLL IN THEATER HORROR REACHES 102 AS D. C. OFFICIALS ORDER FULL WRECK PROBE AND RESCUE WORK CONTINUES WITHOUT STOP

### JURY TO BE IMPANELED AND COMMITTEE NAMED TO FIX RESPONSIBILIT

#### **CONGRESS MAY ACT**

Commissioners Resolved To Learn Cause of Theater Disaster.

FORCE OF BUILDING INSPECTOR ACTIVE

#### Mondell Will Consult House Leaders Today On Possible Probe.

District and Congressional leaders will turn from the rescue work in the Knickerbocker Theater catastrophe to an investigation today into the accident which caused the loss of more than 100 lives and the maiming of hundreds of other residents of the District in the worst accident in the history of Washing-

Following almost twenty-four hours of work in directing work in the ruins of the building. District Commissioners and sovernment of commissioners and government of-ficials centered their attention last night on consideration of plans to determine the cause of the disaster. It was announced by Commis-sioner Cuno H. Ruddph last night that a committee would be appoint-ed today by the District Commis-sioners, acting under the advice of Engineer Commissioner Keller, to conduct a thorough inquiry into the causes leading to the crashing of the root of the theater at Eighteenth street and Columbia road.

House May Investigate. Coroner Nevitt last night ordered that a jury be impaneled this morning to conduct an investigation in an effort to place the blame upon any persons whose negligence might have been responsible for the catestrophe.

Possibilities of a Congressional evestigation were intimated by epresentative Frank Mondell, Reinvestigation were intimated by Representative Frank Mondell, Republican floor, leader, speaking of the accident last night. He said he felt there should most certainly h a District investigation into the catastrophe and he was considering up with House leaders today, he

Building Inspector John P. Healy said last night a thorough investi gation would be begun today by the building inspector's office in co-op-eration with three disinterested engineers. The entire building office disaster since the roof collapsed at 9:10 o'clock Saturday night. The inquiry would seek

ing of the roof. Healy said, and rec ommendations would be made by the investigating committee to District officials following completion of their survey, which he said might continue throughout the week, due to the thorough methods he in-

ough devoting practically all their attention yesterday while on the scene of the disaster to thoughts of rescuing the imprisoned women and children caught neath the debris, all three District Commissioners indicated they were determined to see that the causes for the disaster were determined and that persons responsible for any negligence which might be discovered, suffer.

Keller on Scene. action was taken by police

Acting Superintendent Sullivan de-claring last night that all actions op the part of police in the matter would be determined by authorities lo would investigate the accident

blame has been set by any No blame has been set by any of the officials who have been on the scene since early after the accident. All opinions have been carefully guarded but none of the District leaders have attempted to restrain their feelings over the disaster, all declaring a sincere desire to see the accident probed thoroughly.

However, Engineer Commissio..er Keller declared last night following a survey of the scene that he was anxious that a thoroug investigation be made into the matter of the construction of the building Col. Keller hesitated to consider suggestions that large on the page of gestions that laxity on the part of the building inspecting force was responsible for the roof collapse. He intimated that as much cause for the distance of the cause for the disaster might be laid to the fault of construction as to lax-ity on the part of District employes. Building Inserts

Building Inspector Healy declared last night that all building regulations had been met by owners of the theater in construction. The construction was entirely ordinary, Inspector Healy said. The structure was erected entirely according to was erected entirely according to building laws of the District. He pointed out that steel girders of the roof were not anchored at the sides. as is the usual custom. This factor, however, was declared fortunate teenth atreet, injured about head.

### GRIEF FELT BY HARDING

Expresses Sympathy for Hundreds Bereaved in Theater Tragedy.

In connection with the Knickerboeker Theater trag-edy, President Harding yes-terday said.

terday said.

"I have experienced the same astounding shock and the same inexpressible sorrow which has come to all of Washington and which will be sympathetically felt throughout the land. If I knew aught to say to soften the sorrow of hundreds who are so suddenly bereaved, if I could say a word to cheer the maimed and suffering. I would gladly do it. The terrible tragedy, staged in the midst of the staged in the midst of the great storm, has deeply depressed all of us and left us wondering about the re-volving fates."

#### List of Injured

ecretary of the Italian Embassy, 1803 California atreet; at Emer-

Mrs. Bateman Adams; address nknown; serious (therent injuries fractured arm and ankle; at Gar-Beld.

June Bergman, 21, of 1821 Biltmore street, injured arm.

Mrs. Beubler, 2467 Eighteenth street, broken wrist and other infuries. Crawling out without aid. Mrs. Hazen Buehler, 121 Portner

apartment; at Emergency. R. J. Bowen, 1949 Biltmore street

badly injured
Mrs. Mildred (R. J.) Bowen, 1849

Mrs. R. J. Brown, 1949 Biltn street northwest.

Joseph C. Bruce, 1619 Hobar is badly gashed; contusions; at Navat Hospital. street, shock and bruises.

Gilbert Caplan, 1715 Eighteenth street northwest, Incerations head; at Naval Hospital. M. E. Costney, address unknown. Mrs. Mary Chalmers, 22 Grafton street, Chevy Chane; at Emergency. C. Claffin, Naval Hospital.

Miss Margaret Colc. 107 East Florence courts, lucerated ankles. James A. Curtain, 21, 2462 Ontario

oad, of Florence, Mass. F. W. Dodson, 1339 Montague I. B. Dodson, father of above, 1330 Montague street. J. L. Durland, 2109 Eighteenth street, cuts and bruises.

Mrs. J. L. Durland, 2100 Eighteenth street, shock, cuts and

Mrs. Guy Eldridge, 1824 Biltmore street, pinned under debris for five lours; condition not serious; at Gar-

Miss Mary Foravihe 1802 Relman Miss Mary Forsythe, 1802 Beimont street northwest, auffering from shock; condition serious; at Garfield. Miss Ruth Fouts, 1330 Belyront street, removed from balcony at 7

William A. Galloway, 3320 Six-Dr. Clyde M. Gearbart, 1868 Co- Crandall yesterday issued an order lumbia road, both legs hadly in-jured; fay have to be amputated. Dr. Gebhard, dentist, severe in-

Norman L. Gibson, 1832 Biltmon street, and sister. Mrs. Haley, both suffering from shock and severe bruines; at Garfield Hospital.

ractured jaw; at Emergency. Dr. Custis Lee Hall, 1789 Columbia

and cuts about head; at Garfield.

girl; condition not serious; at Gar-

Warren Helphen, 2151 Calver Mrs. Douglas Hillyer, 2021 Hillyer

hadly injured; at Emergency. Capt. J. H. Hills, injured legs; at Walter Reed. Mrs. J. H. Hills, wife of Caps.

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### List of Dead in Knickerbocker Tragedy

Mary Ethel Atkinson, 2233 Eighteenth street northwest. Former Representative A. J. Barchfeld, of Pennsylvania, 1945

Miss Helena Barchfeld, daughter of former Representative

Joseph W. Beal, 1488 Chapin street; musician. Archie Bell, 2117 Bancroft place northwest, 35 years old, em-

ploye of the War Department.

William G. Bickle, 1639 Nineteenth street northwest. Frances Bickle, 1639 Nineteenth street northwest, identified with her dead father by Mrs. Catharine Watts, 1702 P street

Randolph A. Bourne, 2027 Hillyer place northwest. Mrs. Daisy S. Bowden, 2129 Eighteenth street northwest. C. C. Brainerd, correspondent of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and vice president of the Gridiron Club, 2039 New Hampshire avenue

Mrs. Edith E. Brainerd, 2039 New Hampshire avenue north-

Wilfred Brousseau, North Adams, Mass., foreign service student

at Georgetown University. Albert Buehler, apartment 121, The Portner, 35 years old. William M. Canby, 1838 Calvert street northwest, 40 years old. Mrs. B. H. Covell, 2409 Eighteenth street northwest.

W. M. Crocker, Courtland apartments, Vincent Dauber, 12 years old, 1800 Belmont street northwest. Thomas M. Dorsey, 2524 Seventeenth street northwest. Miss Clara Dorsch, 1656 Euclid street northwest. Kirkland Duke. 1719 Riggs place

A. G. Eldridge, 1733 Twentieth street northwest. Mrs. A. G. Eldridge, 1733 Twentieth street northwest. Guy S. Eldridge, 1824 Biltmore street. brother-in-law to Sena-Reed Smoot, of Utah.

F. H. Ernest, District manager of the Washington office, Dictograph Products Company, offices 402 Evans Building. Senora Virginia Faraud, sister of Madame Perone of the Guatemalan Legation was identified last evening by the Guatemalan

Minister, Dr. Jules Bianchi. McC. Farr, Henderson Furniture Company. 1884 Columbia road. Christian Friegi, 68 years old, 1010 Eighteenth street, musician.

John P. Fleming, 31 years old, 1861 Wyoming avenue, clerk at Miss Mary Lee Fleming, 24 years old, 1861 Wyoming avenue.

Thomas F. Fleming, 1861 Wyoming avenue, father of John and Mary Fleming.

Esther Foster, 1713 Lamont street northwest. G. S. Freeman, 2827 Connecticut avenue, musician.

Mrs. Clyde M. Gearhart, 1868 Columbia road, wife of Dr. Clyde

Gearhart, who lost both feet by amputation.

Clyde M. Gearhart, jr., 9-year-old son of Dr. Gearhart. Oscar D. Grant, no address. Mrs. Oscar D. Grant, no address.

Oscar D. Grant, jr., 9 years old, no address. Douglas Hillyer, 2021 Hillyer place northwest. William G. Hughes, 46 years old, 2503 Champlain street north-

Daniel K. Jackson. 2701 Connecticut avenue, broker, offices in Evans Building. Elizabeth Jefferies, 1767 Massachusetts avenue nortmest.

John M. Jefferies, 1767 Massachusetts avenue northwest. Aulyn Kanston, 9 years old, 2516 Seventeenth street. Dorothy Kanston, 15 years old, 2516 Seventeenth street. Mrs. Oscar G. Kanston, 2516 Seventeenth street. Oscar G. Kanston, 2516 Seventeenth street. Howard Kneessi, 530r Colorado avenue; vice president and

easurer of the Semmes Motor Company. Cutler Laflin, page in the Senate, 1321 Belmont street northwest. Miss Nannie Lee Lambert, 2117 Bancroft place; government

Leroy Lehmer. 2151 California street northwest. Mrs. Leroy Lehmer, 2151 California street northwest.

For Day Because of

Disaster.

Overwhelmed by the Knickerbock-

er Theater disaster and bowed with

respect to patrens and those of his

own organization who lost their

lives, as well as to the general pub-

lic, there should be no performance in any Crandall Theater yesterday. The order was at once communi-cated to the bouse managers of the six Crandall theaters, in some of

which audiences already had assem-

bled. Those already admitted to the

the stage that no performance would be given in any Crandall house, and

at the Savoy and Ninth and E street houses attaches were posted at the

entrance to convey the same infor-

mation to pisce, tickets.

The Crandall theaters were all inspected by the police and building inspectors yesterday and without exception were granted immediate perception were granted immediate per-

David H. Lyman, 1718 Twenty-first street northwest.

L. L. Lehler, 204 B street northwest. Wyatt McKinney, Burlington apartments. Julian McKinney, 1821 Adams Mill road northwest. Scott Montgomery, 1824 Biltmore street, Mrs. Norman E. Martindale, 2633 Adams Mill road. Miss Agnes Mellon, 1437 Belmont street northwest. Mrs. Gene Mirsky, Chastleton apartments.

Miss Veronica Murphy, 1860 California street. James W. Murray, The Plains, Va. Cresto E. Natiello, 1800 Belmont street, brother of the orchestra

Vivian Ogden, 3121 Mount Pleasant street, 29 years old, identified by friends through a bank deposit slip. D. F. O'Donnell, 1731 Columbia read.

Mrs. D. F. O'Donnell, 1731 Columbia road. Mrs. Carrie M. Pessou, Calverton apartments. Lois Pitcher, 3910 Kennedy street, Chevy Chase, Md. Miss Hazel Price, Beverly courts, identified by father, Capt.

Louis H. Price, of the Finance Department. Mrs. Marie Russell, 2475 Eighteenth street northwest. W. B. Sammon, George Washington University student, 1641 R street northwest, formerly Kemmerer, Wyo.

W. L. Schoolfield, Danville, Va. Dr. James S. Shea, South Hadley Falls, Mass., residing at 1919 Calvert street northwest; junior medical, at Georgetown University. Mrs. Cora C. Sigourney, 2701 Connecticut avenue. Miss Marie Smith, 1813 Columbia road northwest.

Leverne Sproul, nephew to Representative Sproul, of Illinois; page in the Senate; 2001 Sixteenth street northwest. Clarence, B. Stephenson 1929 Calvert street, northwest.

Lewis W. Strayer, correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, 1837 California street northwest. Victor M. Sturgiss, foreign service student at Georgetown

University. Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, 1605 Hobart street northwest. Christine Thompson, 14 years old, 1710 Euclid street northwest

Miss Gladys Thoms, 1713 Lamont street northwest, found clasped in the arms of Miss Esther Foster, also dead, her room-mate. William Tracy, 501 Rhode Island avenue northwest, musician Col. Charles Cowles Tucker, member of the firm of Donald-

son & Tucker, attorneys, 2117 Connecticut avenue northwest Mrs. C. C. Tucker, 2117 Connecticut avenue northwest. Jacob Urdong, 1312 Twentieth street northwest. Mrs. Rose Urdong, 2312 Twentieth street northwest. Louis F. Valentine, 1860 Columbia road northwest. Mrs. Louis Valentine, 1860 Columbia road northwest R. H. Conroy Vance, Fredericksburg, Va. Mrs. R. H. C. Vance, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mildred Walford, 1727 Riggs place. Capt. William E. R. Warner, Quartermaster Corps, 2514 On-

Mrs. William E. R. Warner, 2514 Ontario road northwest. Mrs. Charles M. Wessner, wife of Col. C. M. Wessner, Ordnance Department, 1821 Belmont street.

John L. Walker, 2109 Eighteenth street northwest. Mrs. John L. Walker, 2109 Eighteenth street northwest.

William Walters, medical student at the Georgetown University, 2000 M street northwest formerly from Brooklyn, N. Y. Ivan J. White, 26 years old, Portner apartments, employe of

the Shipping Board. Elizabeth Wise, 1318 R street northwest. Marsh (first name missing), 1446 Fairmont street northwest. Mrs. Arnold Hague, 1724 Eye street northwest. Mrs. Davis, address unknown.

Irene Mesky, address unknown. William H. Scott, 409 Eighth street southeast. Cutler Lasslin, 1858 Ontario road northwest. Daisy Garvey, 2129 Eighteenth street northwest. Bernard Danzansky, 1304 Ninth street northwest. Miss Margaret Dutch, 1740 Euclid street northwest, government

employe, formerly residing in Luddington, Mich. Daisy Garvey, 2129 Eighteenth street northwest.

#### H. M. CRANDALL City Expected to Creep IS GRIEF-STRICKEN From Snow Blanket Today Orders Six Theaters Closed

#### Several Street Car Routes Will Attempt to Furnish Normal Service This Morning.

from its snow blanket this morning resulting flood. grief by the catastrophe, Harry M. following six hours of sunshing yesterday, coupled with a marked

Traffic on the Caultal Traction Company was opened on the main lines last night at 9 o'clock, follow-ing a complete blockade of twentyfou rhours. Movement of cars or the Washington Railway and Elec-tric Company will be resumed on the busiest line sthis morning, officials announced last night. Will Help Suburbs.

In spite of the holiday, District forces were kept working throughout the day yesterday. With the melting of the snew most blocked out the day yesterday. With the melting of the snow most blocked sections were partially cleared. Heavy forces were continued at their stations by the two traction

companies. Regular movement sof the bread and milk wagons of the District were predicted for this morning and the suburban sections were promised their first offerings of food and milk today by officials of

Washington is expected to creep bilities of a sudden melting and Four Motors Used.

Cars were moving last night on moderation in temperature . The Pennsylvania avenue from the Navy blizzard swept on yesterday, scunning the District and blockading business activities for sixty hours.

Ard to Fourteenth street and Columbia road. Strenuous efforts of a force of 600 men working on the Yard to Fourteenth street and Coa force of 600 men working on the lines of the Capital Traction Company yesterday and the continued use of snow plows permitted a six-minute schedule to be put in oper-ation along this line last night. Traffic along U street and New Traftic along U street and New Jersey vaenue was impossible last night but it is expected these streets will be opened to street car movements today. Cars were run con Plorida avanue only no for accommon for the care of th on Florida avenue only as far as Eighth street.

Four tractors were put in opera tion by the company yesterday One carried a disc harrow used to scrape the ice from the rails and burrow out the center opening for free movement of the power sticks. Several Lines Opened.

Cars will be run today by the Washington Railway and Electric Company along F street from Capitol street and along Connecticu avenue to Mount pleasant. Mount

### PENNED IN DEBRIS 10 HOURS, UNHURT

Girl Says, "I'm All Right, Only Cold - Help Others.."

A remarkable case of fortitude as that of Miss Ruth Fouts, 24 ears old, 1330 Belmont street, who as rescued at 7:30 yesterday morning, after having been imprisoned for ten hours under tons of debris the Knickerbocker Theater. She suffering only from shock and posure. Superficial examination physicians at the improvised xposure. Superficial examination y physicians at the improvised est aid station at First Church of hrist, Scientist, failed to reveal any

able and questioned by the nurse Miss Fouts gave her name and adam perfectly all right, though ou may not believe me, except that Though pale and blue-lipped from

the biting cold, this survivor main-tained her composure and declared repeatedly that "there are many thers so really needy of attention do wish you would let me go home

#### Child Hospital Has Becv: Red Cross Wants O hans

## POSSIBLY MORE BODIES STILL BURIED IN RUINS OF BALCONY AND ROOF

Three Shifts of 150 Men Each Work Under Direction of Maj. Patton In Tottering Structure.

#### TANGLED DEBRIS IN THE CENTER

Many Homes Share in Widespread Mourning. While Brave Workers Continue Searching for Victims.

One hundred and two identified dead; more bodies per-

So stood the count of lives crushed out in the Knickerbocker Theater calamity when sleepless officials in charge of excavating the roofless ruin paused early this morning to check the list of killed and wounded.

Like a black pall, ever spreading, the increasing portent of the most appalling disaster in the Capital's history rolled with tangible force across the saddest Sunday on record.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Developing in a fashion tragically different from that of most great accidents, where the death list shrinks upon investigation, reports from the thronged yet desolate scene at Eighteenth street and Columbia road showed a total always mounting. Early morning tabulations placed the known dead at 29. Afternoon aggregates ran up to 80. With nightfall, the figure was 90. And body after body, borne out in the unearthly glare of high-power electric torches, was added to the list until it passed the 100 mark.

And there are thought to be more broken forms under the weight of balcony and roof.

of balcony and roof. Investigation Demanded "Succor" was the loud watchword Saturday night and yesterday,

but as some semblance of order began to supplant the anguished cagerness of workers amid the ruin and relatives of the dead and injured, another slogan gained force: "Investigation."

The Board of District Commissioners will meet this morning to formulate plans for a complete inquiry, promised by their chairman,

James F. Oyster. Will Impanel Jury Today.

The Engineer Commissioner, Col. Charles Keller, will select a ammittee to go into the matter of possible structural defects of the Knickerbocker. Announcement of this appointment was also made by Capt. Oyster.

A coroner's jury will be impanelled by Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt this morning at the District morgue. The inquest probably will be conducted in blanket form.

There is a pregnant possibility that Congress itself will sift the disaster. Representative Frank W. Mondell, Republican House leader, stated yesterday that, though official inquiries will be initiated by the District government, national legislators will follow, if the move is considered necessary. And it seems certain that national sentimen in the New Year's most poignant tragedy will make this advisable Paralyzed by Calamity.

Snow Being Cleared

From Roofs.

Washington

schools, grade and high, will be closed today, Supeinten-

dent Frank W. Ballou an-

son given was that the bliz-zard has so crippled trans-

portation that many of the

teachers and janitors will be

anable to get to their posts from outlying sections of the

While no apprehension ex-

ts as to the condition of chool roofs, they are being

cleared of snow with all pos-sible speed, in order to elimi-sate the possibility of a repe-

All evening schools of the District will be closed for the

day also.
St. John's also announced

that they would close their doors because they claimed the inclemency of the weather

would make opening unv

Garments Littering Debris

Heaped in Pathetic Pile

Quanities of outer garments dis-

to those who died in the ruins, have

of the Knickerbocker

nounced last night. The

#### The effect of the calamity was paralyzing to thought. For hours **CCHOOLS SHUT** afterward no one semed able to BY BALLOU appreciate its significance. Stelle ism-speed-stillness on the part of the hundreds of observers. The One-day Recess Ordered; newspaper accounts were not much more than a series of little horror tales pieced together, or lists of

names.
In some sort the same psychology is still aboard. The masses of tragedy, pathos, courageous action, furnish enough stark realism for endless novels. The air is filled with score upon score upon score of stories and sidelights, overpowering in the ag-gregate. Many of them would be offed in books of fiction. Strange and terrible are the truths of this

Along every street, in house the word is always "Knicker-bocker. Knickerbocker," and reware the dwelling in the Mount Pleasant section which do not share in the widespread mourning

Relief Work Goes On. Since the roof and balcony crashed down upon the several hundreds smiling as they watched a comedy film at 9 o'clock, there has

been no pause in relief work, nor will there be until all doubt as to Mai. George Patton U.S. A. from Fort Myer, yesterday was given charge of the labors of resshifts of 150 men each to probe the steel and concrete-cluttered floor within the tipsy walls, standing stark against the sky with the effect of stage properties, hollowand unsupported. The implements that were pitifully lacking Saturday night, oxy-acetylene welders

carded by those who fled from the scene of disaster and also belonging and metal netting of the plaster celling. Torch Releases Bodies

Deneath the fierce flame of 6,400 degrees Fahrenheit the forgings and castings charred and broke and the pieces easily were lifted from the hitherto firmly-caged bodies an injured persons. The navy yard also furnished carbide lights which plerced lividly the recesses of the

mission to open. It was purely by reason of his heartfelt sorrow that Mr. Crandall refused to permit any of his houses to give a performance.

Mr. Crandall, A. E. Beitzel and Mrs. J. H. Hills, wife of Caps. Hills, U. S. A., and daughter of Col. Creagher, U. S. A., badly hurt. Capt. Hills, while imprisoned, directed the rescue of his wife.

M. Pera Hill, address unknown, leg and pelvis fractured. In serrous condition at Waiter Reed.

Miss Helen Hopkins. 1926 Bitmore street, cuts about the head; not serious; at Garfield.

Margaret John. been collected by the police departof food and milk today by officials of bread and dairy companies last tol street and along Connecticut avenue to Mount pleasant. Mount Pléasant traffic will be maintained to weather today is expected to practically release the sixty-hour block-rade on the District by nightfall. Weather fofficials decared last night that although the warmer weather today is expected to practically release the sixty-hour block-rade on the District by nightfall. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing line will be open and the for yesterday would be continued of yesterday would be continued to street line will be open to Plith street cars will be specified to street line will be open to Plith street cars will be would be kept cloudy and chances for a heavy thawling of snow were stight. This will preclude all possibility. This will preclude all possibility. This will preclude all possibility to take care temporarily of children erphaned by the tragedy. ment for identification. As the rescuers worked among Barry Bulkley, president, vice president and secretary of the Knick-erbocker Company, respectively; Jo-seph P. Morgan, general manager the debris they found many coats, off by the victims when they entered the theater. These were thrown from all parts of the house pierce to the center where a private was calami muff, a purple turban, a man's raintual and a little girl's red for time. of the Crandall enterprises; Nelson B. Bell, John J. Payette, George A. Crouch and all the other Crandall executives have worked without respite since Saturday night, bending every energy and resource of the Crandall organisation to the work of rescue at the Knickerbocker

coat and a tittle girl's red fur trimmed coat were thrown down from the upper balcony.

Strict guard is being maintained though there has been but one looier the upper balcony.

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